

# Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation

## Current Situation Report for December 18, 2019

Delaware Agricultural Statistics 490,000 acres in Farms (39% of State Land Area)		
Agricultural Preservation Districts		
District/Expansions	Farms	Acres
Approved	1,269	1,513
Pending	28	28
Farm Terminations	103	23,802
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,297</b>	<b>174,147</b>

Kent County Districts		
District/Expansions	Farms	Acres
Approved	584	685
Pending	6	6
Farm Terminations	39	10,521
<b>Totals</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>87,599</b>

New Castle County Districts		
District/Expansions	Farms	Acres
Approved	119	134
Pending	4	4
Farm Terminations	7	2,896
<b>Totals</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>131</b>

Sussex County Districts		
District/Expansions	Farms	Acres
Approved	566	694
Pending	18	18
Farm Terminations	57	10,385
<b>Totals</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>655</b>

Agricultural Easements			
	Farms	Acres	Cost
Settlements Final	897	124,700	\$219,576,053
Pending Round 21	1	103	\$117,752
Pending Round 22	4	338	\$430,185
Pending Round 23	102	8,792	\$14,836,617
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,004</b>	<b>133,933</b>	<b>\$234,960,607</b>

### No. Easements

\*Discount

Farm Size

Payment  
Landowner

Cost Per Acre

Averages of Easements		
All 1,004	Last 5yrs- 209	Last 3yrs- 180
*59%	*70%	*69%
134 acres	91 acres	88 acres
\$233,925	\$136,258	\$135,226
\$1,752	\$1,493	\$1,542

\*Note: Avg. % includes County Funds

Agricultural Easements by County				Easement Land Use		
County	Farms	Acres	Cost	Type	Acres	%
Kent	495	69,536	\$101,784,003	Cropland	85,249	64
NewCastle	101	14,394	\$ 36,814,921	Forestland	36,537	27
Sussex	408	50,003	\$ 96,361,683	Wetland/Other	12,147	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,004</b>	<b>133,933</b>	<b>\$234,960,607</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>133,933</b>	<b>100</b>

### Funding for 1,004 Easements

\* State Funds- \$160,437,473  
 \* USDA Funds- \$ 56,667,757  
 \* County Funds- \$ 14,411,786  
 \* ISTEAF Funds- \$ 1,250,000  
 \* Other Funds- \$ 2,193,591  
**\*Est. Total Funds \$ 234,960,607**  
**\*Landowner Disco \$ 333,020,264**  
**\*Est.Total Value \$ 567,980,871**  
 \*Est. Closing Costs \$5,528,000

Total Number of Properties – Eligible for Round 24 Appraisal (as of July 17)			Total Number of Properties To Appraise in Round 24		District Applications Received in 2019	
County	Farms	Acres	#	Acres	#	Acres
Kent	112	12,974	62	5,223	11	1,302
New Castle	23	3,075	13	812	4	239
Sussex	184	19,656	118	12,660	32	2,472
<b>Totals</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>37,705</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>18,695</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>4,013</b>

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**Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation**  
**Forestland Current Situation Report**  
**As of December 18, 2019**

Forestland Preservation Areas			Forestland Applications Received in 2019		
	#	Acres	County	#	Acres
Approved	48	4,213	Kent	2	68
Pending	4	100	New Castle		
			Sussex	4	568
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>4,313</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>636</b>
<b>Not in Easement</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1,880</b>			

New Castle County Areas		
	Properties	Acres
Approved	1	43
Pending	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>43</b>

Kent County Areas		
	Properties	Acres
Approved	22	1,350
Pending	1	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1,377</b>

Sussex County Areas		
	Properties	Acres
Approved	25	2,793
Pending	3	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2,893</b>

Forestland Preservation Areas			
County	Properties	Acres	Easement Value
Kent	5	427	\$617,277
Sussex	6	501	\$833,527
Pending	3	150	\$113,234
<b>Settlements Final</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1,078</b>	<b>\$1,450,804</b>
<b>Farmland Easement</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1,365</b>	

**Source of Funds 14 Easements**

State -	\$ 1,151,635
Nature Conservancy-	\$ 412,403
Total of Costs	\$ 1,564,038
Landowner Discount-	\$ 2,997,930
<b>Grand Total Value</b>	<b>\$ 4,561,968</b>
Est.Settlement Costs	\$ 64,717

**Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Programs Grand Totals of all Easements**

Programs	Properties	Acres	Easement Value
Forestland Preservation Area Easements	14	1,078	\$1,564,038
Farmland Preservation Easements	1,004	133,933	\$234,960,607
<b>Total of Forestland &amp; Farmland Easements</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>135,011</b>	<b>\$236,524,645</b>
Total of Forestland & Farmland Landowner Discount			\$336,018,194
<b>Grand Total Value</b>			<b>\$572,542,839</b>

**Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Young Farmers Loan Program**

Settled Loans	Total Acres w/o Residential		Appraised Easement Value	Announced Farmer Loan Amount	Actual Farmer Loan
<b>35</b>	<b>2,707</b>	<b>Acres</b> 2066 629 12	<b>Type</b> Cropland Forest Other	\$12,261,744	\$8,583,221
# Prequalification Applications Received	# Approved	# Waiting for Review	# Denied or No Longer Qualify	<b>Settlement Costs Total Cost</b>	<b>\$193,188</b> <b>\$8,183,796</b>
113	95	0	18	<b>Young Farmer Loan Applications:</b> Round 9 – 1 application approved totaling 98 acres	